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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RED ARMY FACTION REVEALED IN GOTEBORG

1. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE DECEMBER 2 ISSUE OF THE GOTEBORGS-POSTEN, THE SECOND LARGEST MORNING PAPER IN SWEDEN, LOCAL POLICE HAVE UNCOVERED AN ORGANIZATION IN GOTEBORG CALLING ITSELF THE "RED ARMY FACTION (SWEDEN)" WHICH AIMS AT THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF SWEDISH SOCIETY. THREE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, INCLUDING THE LEADER, A 22-YEAR-OLD STUDENT, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, THE PAPER SAID. ALL WERE SWEDES.

2. THE GROUP FINANCED ITS ACTIVITIES BY ROBBERIES OF POST OFFICES, AND HAD ALREADY CARRIED OUT TWO SUCH ROBBERIES IN WHICH THEY HAD NETTED A TOTAL OF 56,000 SKR (DOLLAR 1 EQUALS SKR 4.80). ACCORDING TO THE GOTEBORGS-POSTEN, THE POLICE ALSO SEIZED A HANDWRITTEN MANIFESTO FROM THE GROUP, WHICH PLEDGED TO CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES "ON THE BASIS OF MARXIST THEORY", AND "IN MEMORY OF ANDREAS BAADER, GUDRUN ENSSLIN AND JAN CARL RASPE". THE LEADER AND ANOTHER GANG MEMBER, A 26-YEAR-OLD DRIVER, REPORTEDLY CONFESSED TO THEIR CRIMES.
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BOTH INSISTED THAT THEIR ROBBERIES WERE CARRIED OUT FOR "POLITICAL REASONS". THE PAPER SAID THAT A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE ALSO SEIZED.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE GROUP WAS FORMED TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF TYPE. HOWEVER, BARRING CONFIRMATION OF THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THE

ORGANIZATION, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO SURMISE THAT THE
PERSONS CONCERNED ARE ORDINARY CRIMINALS WHO HAVE TRIED TO
USE A POLITICAL COVER FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES.
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